#### U.S. needs more refineries and reliable, domestic supply of petroleum

"As California braced for widespread electricity outages, we were told that part of the problem was no new electric generation plants had been built in decades. Well, the same is true of oil refineries. In fact, between 1985 and 1995, 10 oil refineries ceased production even as the number of cars on the road increased. At a time when we need greater fuel refining capacity, we actually have 20 percent less than 20 years ago," Rep. Devin Nunes said. "We need better control of our oil supplies by developing our own domestic production and relying less on other countries."

## Valley students making their way to U.S. Service Academies

More than half the number of students nominated by Rep. Devin Nunes for appointment to a U.S. Service Academy have been accepted so far.

The congressman nominated 15 young men and women from Fresno and Tulare counties. More could be accepted in the coming weeks.

"I am very pleased to nominate students of such high caliber to the academies," Rep. Nunes said. "These students should be commended for their hard work and dedication to academic and physical excellence. I find it very encouraging to find young people in my own

district who are eager to take on the rigors of our prestigious service academies."

Rep. Nunes formed a fivemember selection committee made up of Fresno and Tulare county community members to interview candidates and make recommendations to the congressman for each academy. That group included: Brig. General Ed Munger (ret.), Clovis City Councilman Jose Flores, Tulare County School Superintendent Jim Vidak, Buckman-Mitchell Insurance President Cliff Dunbar, and Tulare County Board of Education President Chris Reed.

The nominees for enrollment in the four U.S. Service Academies : Robert Fabionar Fresno Cody James Griffin Visalia Matthew Jarrod Arreola Visalia Alan Rogers Porterville Alex Paul James Visalia Samantha Joan Brodie Clovis Patrick High Clovis Andrew Young Porterville Ryan White Porterville Cameron Ross Linder Clovis Alex Prevendar Clovis Samantha Miller Visalia Michael Florence Porterville John Trenton Skypeck Clovis Clovis Kyle Yamamoto



Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Cadets who are chosen for a military academy receive an education valued at about \$300,000 that is no cost to them.

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background a behind-the-scenes look at the industry challenges and successes.

"I think it's important that business leaders, government and city officials get an up-close-and-personal look at the agriculture industry, which drives our local economy," Rep. Nunes said. "Our farmers and processors are innovative, hard working and concerned about the quality of life here in the Central Valley."

The ag tour group traveled with the congressman by charter bus throughout the 21st Congressional District. The congressional district has the highest agricultural output



Rep. Devin Nunes discusses agricultural issues with Community Hospital CEO Dr. Philip Hinton at the Heritage Complex in Tulare.

of any in the United States.

Among the distinguished guests were Rep. Rob Bishop from Utah, Chuck Ahlem, Under Secretary for the California Department of Food and Agriculture and local leaders and elected officials from both counties.

Fresno and Tulare counties are consistently the most productive agriculture counties in the state and combined are the most productive region in the nation. As a result, this industry has become the backbone of our local economy and an integral part of our culture.

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